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Criminal Charges Filed Regarding Wild West World

TOPEKA, KANSAS – Securities Commissioner Chris Biggs announced today that Thomas Etheredge, 54, was arrested yesterday on a warrant from Sedgwick County District Court.

Etheredge is charged by the Kansas Securities Commissioner with ten counts of securities fraud involving the failed business venture known as Wild West World in Park City, Kansas.

Etheredge was arrested on the Kansas warrant at the San Antonio airport and is incarcerated in Bexar (pronounced “bear”) County, Texas pending extradition to Kansas. Bond is set on the Kansas warrant in the amount of one million dollars.

The Commissioner alleges that Etheredge made misrepresentations or failed to disclose material facts prior to obtaining over \$800,000 from private investors from February 2005 through March 2007.

Charges are only allegations. Etheredge is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation was conducted by the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner and charges were filed with the assistance and cooperation of Nola Foulston and the Sedgwick County District Attorney’s Office.

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